

Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training Course

Hosted by University of Vermont Extension & Vermont Agency of Agriculture

This training satisfies the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement for covered farms that "at least one supervisor or responsible party" completes "food safety training ... recognized as adequate" by FDA (21 C.F.R. §112.22(c)).

Date: November 7–8, 2017

Time: 8:30–5:00 both days

Location: VYCC West Monitor Barn, 1949 E. Main St., Richmond, VT 05477

Registration Link: <https://www.regonline.com/FSMAGrowerTraining2017>

Cost to Attend: \$30. Fee includes PSA Grower Training Manual, Certificate of Course Attendance from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), beverages, meals, and snacks—a \$130 value!

Who Should Attend

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety.

Benefits of Attending

The course will provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and co-management information, FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and details on how to develop a farm food safety plan.

The AFDO certificate demonstrates that your farm has met the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement for food safety training. (See above.) To receive a certificate, you must be present for the entire training and submit the appropriate paperwork to their trainer at the end of the course.

[Click here](#) to determine whether your farm may be covered by the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.

What to Expect

The trainers will cover content contained in the 7 PSA Grower Training modules below as well as provide on-farm explorations to apply concepts in the field.

- Introduction to Produce Safety
- Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
- Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)
- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion as well as on-farm activities, so participants should come prepared to share their experiences and produce safety questions.

Questions: Contact Hans Estrin, University of Vermont Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 312 or hans.estrin@uvm.edu or Tucker Diego, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, 802-828-2433 or tucker.diego@vermont.gov.

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